

## JEWS QUARREL OVER JAFFA Terrorists Reprimanded By Hagana

### Contemplate Possibility Of War

Washington, Apr. 26. It was disclosed today that the Defence Secretary (Mr. James Forrestal) believes the United States must "contemplate the possibility of war" in making United States military plans.

And the Army Chief of Staff (General Omar Bradley) admits military leaders are a "little bit more afraid something will happen than we were three months ago".

These candid statements in current military thinking were made to the Senate Armed Forces Committee last Wednesday when the defence chiefs first presented their compromise 66-group air force plan.

Senator Clark Gurney today made public the transcript of a secret session with some delegations.

Mr. Forrestal told Senators he believed present world tensions "are permanent". He said last year military leaders based plans on the "assumption of no immediate danger of war."

"We think now that you have to contemplate the possibility of war."

General Bradley agreed. He said that up to two or three months ago the Army did not envisage any immediate war danger. He added, "We are not sure now that there will be no war right away."—United Press.

### Strike Threatens Milan

Milan, Apr. 26. A general strike threatened the largest Italian industrial city today following last night's riot in which one policeman was killed and over 25 persons injured.

The Communist-controlled Milan Chamber of Labour met last night immediately after the riot to consider a strike to protest the "police provocation" in taking action against unauthorised demonstrators by uniformed partisans. Having failed to reach agreement the Chamber resumed deliberation this morning.

Less serious riots than those in Milan occurred last night in Turin and Brescia when extreme leftist partisans held unauthorised strikes in commemorating the third anniversary of the liberation.

In Brescia, over ten persons were injured when jeep-riding police, swinging night-sticks, charged a defiant partisans. United Press.

### UN Plans For Jerusalem

Jerusalem, Apr. 26. The Jewish offensive against Jaffa was resumed today by Irgun Zvai Leumi terrorists despite repeated requests—which threatened to erupt into clashes—by Hagana to leave the Arab city alone.

The clatter of gunfire, explosions of bombs and mortars began about 11 a.m. and subsided after about an hour.

Casualties could not be immediately learned.

Bullets from Jaffa hit high buildings inside Tel-Aviv.

Jaffa has been one of the most persistent trouble spots in Palestine since hostilities broke out after the United Nations voted for partition.

A Hagana spokesman today denied the reported encirclement of Lydda airport. Officials of the Palestine Government said British police still occupied the airfield.

A flare-up at Lydda is expected as soon as the British evacuate the airport.

**Arabs Flec**

The police said a thousand Arabs fled yesterday as the Jews battered the city with mortars in the fiercest attack of the five-month "war."

The police Superintendent (J.M. Flanagan) said at least four persons were killed and 82 wounded as the Irgunists' mortars, firing from No Man's Land between Jaffa and Tel-Aviv, hammered the heart of the Jaffa business section.

Mr. Flanagan said Irgun forces were reported driven back after seizing the railway station and the big Moshav police station and had not been able to hold any part of the Arab city.

A Hagana broadcast last night accused the Irgun of "indulging in dangerous adventures."

#### To Safeguard Jerusalem

At Lake Success, the United Nations' General Assembly today began top priority action to safeguard Jerusalem and make the Holy City an island of peace in embattled Palestine.

The Political and Security Committee of the Assembly dropped for the time being discussion of the over-all Palestine problem. It turned to the heavily backed French proposal which would authorise immediate steps to place Jerusalem and its Christian, Moslem and Jewish holy places in the care of the United Nations.

The Committee convened with the understanding it will not tackle the main Palestine problem until the matter of Jerusalem has been disposed of.

Concentration on the Holy City drove the streets high walls built across them at many points to keep out Arab bullets. They left only a small passage with warning posters "Danger: do not proceed beyond this point!"—United Press.

### Abdullah To Lead Arab Legion

Cairo, Apr. 26.

A well-informed source said today that King Abdullah of Transjordan will lead his British-trained Arab Legion against the Jews in Palestine immediately.

This source, one of the best informed in Cairo, said this was decided in a conference of leaders with other Arab leaders on Saturday.

He said Abdullah would lead the movement in person.

Some 10,000 of Abdullah's soldiers—about two thirds of the Arab Legion—already are in Palestine on security duty with the British.

Transjordan is just across the Jordan River east of Palestine. The British recognize it by treaty as an independent kingdom.

The informant said the Arabs fear the proposed Jewish State in Palestine will become an accomplished fact unless the Arab Volunteer Army now in that country is supplemented at once with regular troops.

He reported the conference has decided to stop the flow of oil through the pipeline from Iraq to Haifa.

The Amman conference closely followed the latest Jewish military success in Palestine—the capture of most of Haifa.

#### To Inform Saudi

Besides Abdullah those attending were Regent Abdul Ilah of Iraq and his Minister of Defence and Army Chief of Staff, the Lebanese Premier, Head of Both

### New Birth Certificate Ordinance

An Ordinance to provide for an additional type of birth certificate is to have its first reading in Legislative Council tomorrow.

The object of the Bill is to authorise the Governor in Council to make regulations under section 28 of the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1934, and under section 13 of the Births Registration (Special Registers) Ordinance, 1947, to provide for the issue by a registrar in the General Register Office, of certificates of birth in shortened form and at a reduced fee of fifty cents. The regulations to be made will contain the form of the certificate. Such certificate will omit all reference to parentage, and in respect of adopted children, all reference to adoption.

The Bill does not interfere with the existing right of any person to obtain the ordinary forms of birth certificate at present issued under the Births and Deaths Registration Ordinance, 1934, and the Births Registration (Special Registers) Ordinance, 1947.

The Bill follows closely the provisions of the Births and Deaths Registration Act, 1947, (10 & 11 Geo. 6, c. 12).

Girls of the Haganah amid the rubble of Mount Castel, which was taken by storm after a ten-day see-saw battle earlier this month.

#### PICTURE OF THE DAY

### Modern Amazons



## PAGEANT AT HOME, IN COLONY, MARKS ROYAL SILVER WEDDING

The Silver Wedding anniversary of Their Majesties the King and Queen, was celebrated in Hong Kong yesterday by a 21-gun salute fired at noon from H.M. ships London, Alacrity and Alert, followed in the evening, by a short fireworks display on board these ships in the Harbour.

At 8.45 p.m., sightseers gathered along the Praya to watch the display, saw the lights darkened on board London, Alacrity, Alert, Consort and H.M.A.S. Quiberon. Only the ships' anchor lights were left on.

At 9.15, the vessels sounded their sirens for 30 seconds as a warning that the display was about to begin.

The first bouquet of rockets soared into the sky against the darkened background of the Harbour at 9.20 and continued to illuminate the ships and surrounding waters for the next ten minutes.

#### London Cheers

In London yesterday, thousands of ceremony-loving Britons turned out to cheer their King and Queen as they drove from Buckingham Palace to St. Paul's Cathedral to celebrate their Silver Wedding anniversary.

Punctually at 11 in the morning, the State landau drawn by six Windsor greys rolled out of the massive iron gates of Buckingham Palace. Inside it sat the King and Queen, side by side, just as they sat 25 years ago on their return from Westminster Abbey as man and wife. Beside them sat their younger daughter, Princess Margaret, smiling and waving to the crowds.

Following close on the landau were Princess Elizabeth and her husband, driving in State for the first time since their wedding.

And escorting the Royal Family was a Sovereign's Escort in full dress, the blues of the Life Guards and the scarlet of the Household Cavalry, providing the same colourful background as there was at the Royal Wedding. The Household Cavalry were not in their gleaming cuirasses and white-plumed hats, as permission for them to appear in full dress is only given at important functions.

Along the tree-lined Mall the procession wended its way, passing St. James Park on the left and St. James Palace, built by Henry VII, and Marlborough House, (Continued on Page 12)

### Colony Greetings

The following message has been sent to Their Majesties on the occasion of Their Majesties' Silver Wedding Anniversary:

"On the occasion of Your Majesties' Silver Wedding the Government and people of Hong Kong wish to join with all Your Majesties' subjects the world over in a common expression of loyalty and affection. On their behalf I tender, with humble and loyal devotion, heartfelt congratulations on this occasion and best wishes for the future."

### May Quit Palestine Earlier

London, Apr. 26. Britain in certain circumstances may terminate the Palestine mandate a few days earlier than May 15, London political quarters considered today.

Authoritative sources here, however, stated that the official date was unaltered. These sources denied a London newspaper report from Jerusalem today that the British Cabinet, acting upon reports received from the Palestine Government, had already decided to surrender the mandate on May 5.

London political quarters have all along regarded the period between May 1 and May 15 as a "handing over" period and have never ruled out the possibility of the terminal date being slightly advanced. On account, however, it has seemed unlikely that the advancement could be more than two or three days.—Reuters.

### Snipers Fire On US Plane

Seoul, Apr. 26. Snipers fired on an American courier plane on Cheju Island off Southern Korea, United States Army headquarters reported today.

The announcement said a C-47 of the troop carrier command was the target on Saturday of two snipers as it took off from the island's airstrip.

Island military government headquarters radioed the snipers were pursued but escaped. Army intelligence sought additional information but had difficulty contacting Cheju by radio.

Air Force officers at Kimpo airfield near Seoul said they knew nothing of the attack. They said the plane's crew made no report of any such incident. This indicated the plane was not damaged and the crew may not have known they were fired upon.

Cheju has been the scene of political unrest for the past month. Nearly 30 persons have been killed in what the army called Communist-led attacks on police election registration headquarters and homes of rightists.—Associated Press.

### TANGO COMPOSER DEAD

Montevideo, Apr. 25. Gerardo Matos Rodriguez, 51, Uruguayan composer, died today. He was known especially for his tango compositions.—Associated Press.

### The Weather

The anticyclones over China remain as weak high pressure areas over C and NW China. A strong trough extends from NE China across the Yellow Sea and NE. Another trough stretches from a low pressure area over N Indo-China, B to S Formosa and thence N to Kyushu. Pressure remains high over the Pacific to the E and SE of Japan.

Today's Forecast: Moderate E winds, cloud with some rain, light and moderate for most parts during the afternoon.

Maximum, 75.7 deg. F., 69.75 inches.

Minimum, 65.4 deg. F., 64.75 inches.

Wind, 8-10 miles per hour.

Rainfall, 12.7 mm.—1.15 lbs. Total since Jan. 1—20.8 mm.—1.65 lbs.

Wind, 10-12 miles per hour.

Cloud, 80-85%.

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### CANDIDATES REPORTED WILLING TO STAND

Nanking, Apr. 26.

China's interrupted Vice-Presidential elections are likely to be resumed on Wednesday, following a reported agreement of all three remaining candidates—General Li Tsung-jen, General Cheng Chien and Dr. Sun Fo—to recall their withdrawal.

Dr. Hu Shih, head of the specially formed National Assembly delegation to straighten out the Vice-Presidential issue, told the press this morning: "All three have agreed to contest the election once more", following the delegation's representations to them.

According to local press reports tonight, supporters of Generals Li Tsung-jen and Cheng Chien have formed themselves into a solid block and declared that they will not vote for Dr. Sun Fo.

Meanwhile, the National Assembly Presidium held a meeting this afternoon to receive reports from the committee appointed to intercede in the election dispute.

The Young China Party and Social Democrats, in a statement issued today, criticised the action of the three Vice-Presidential candidates in withdrawing from the elections as "hasty and unwise", and expressed apprehension over the "future of democracy in China".

The Presidium, following the afternoon's meeting, declared that it could not arbitrate further in the election dispute and has decided to "leave the matter with the National Assembly delegates" themselves.

However, the Presidium declared a further day's recess for tomorrow. A spokesman stated later that the National Assembly will meet again on Wednesday when it is hoped that a third ballot will be held.

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### Sailor Stabbed

A fight among sailors aboard the s.s. Cheung Hing, which berthed at the Tong On Wharf yesterday afternoon ended with a Shanghai seaman being fatally stabbed in the abdomen with a penknife.

The injured man was immediately rushed to the ship's company, Ta Hing Shipping Co., No. 2, Ice House Street, St. George's Building, from where he was sent to the Queen Mary Hospital by ambulance.

Police investigations are being conducted by Det. Sub-Inspector Siu, who took some of the sailors to Central for questioning. It was not revealed whether any of the men was detained.

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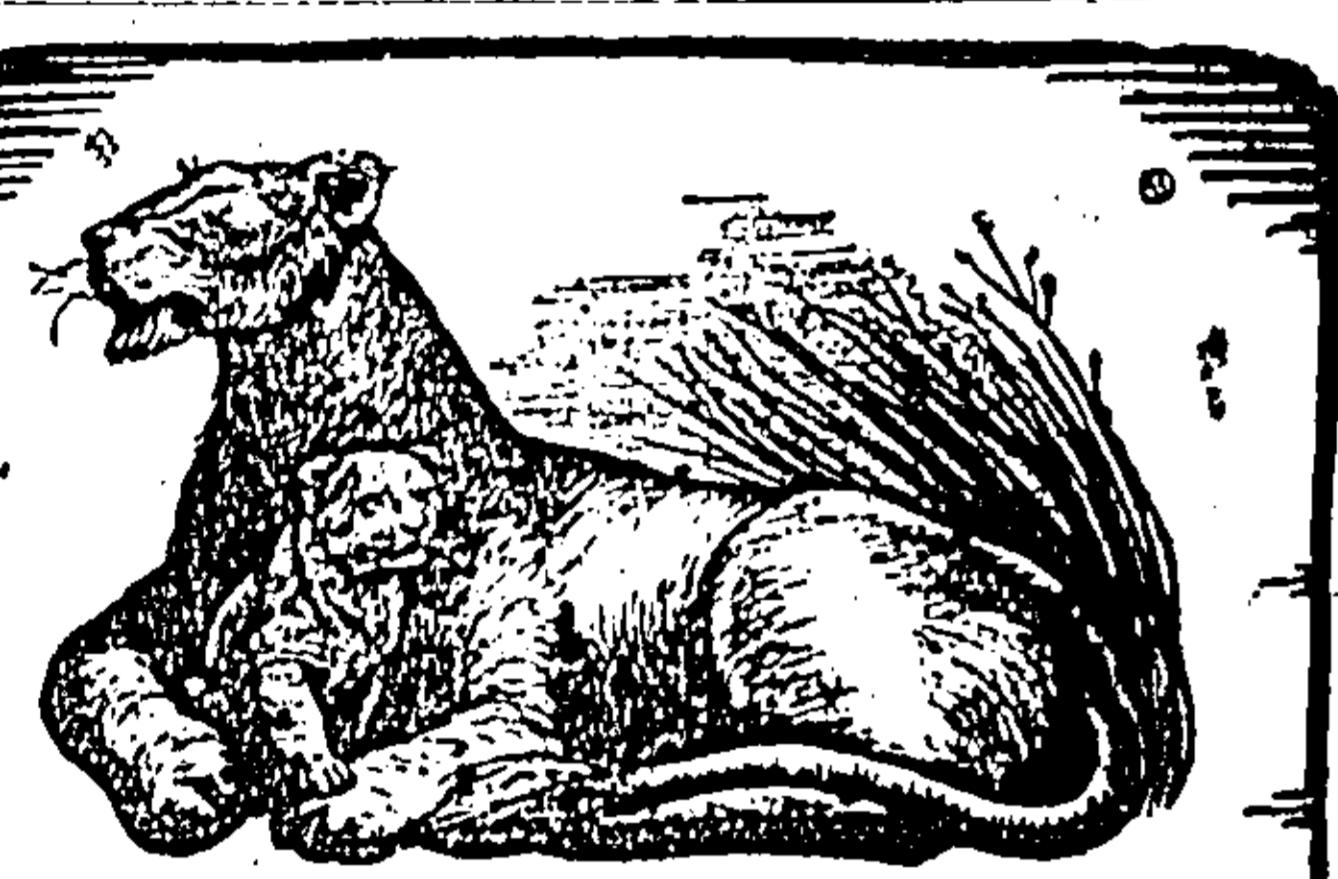
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## Siam Banknote Forgery Trial

The trial of Yiu Ming, 28, shop foki, and Hui Kin-hei, 29, partner of an import and export firm, on charges concerning forged 20-tical bank notes on the Bank of Siam, commenced at the Criminal Sessions yesterday before Mr. Justice T. J. Gould (Puisne Judge).

The accused were charged on the following counts: (1) conspiracy to utter 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on or about Dec. 29; (2) uttering 800 forged 20-tical notes on Dec. 30; (3) uttering 850 forged 20-tical notes on Jan. 13; (4) possession of 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on Jan. 10; and (5) possession of 1,000 forged 20-tical notes on Dec. 30. Hui was additionally charged with misprision of a felony by concealing the fact that Yiu had uttered 800 forged 20-tical notes.

Mr. J. Reynolds, Crown Counsel, assisted by Det. Insp. P. Lowe, conducted the prosecution. Accused were not legally represented.

Another man, Wong Pui, 31, travelling trader, was also arraigned, but on pleading guilty to the charge of misprision of a felony, the Crown offered no evidence against him on the other counts. Wong was represented by Mr. A. J. Clifford, instructed by Mr. C. A. S. Russ. Sentence on Wong will be passed at the end of the trial.

### Bought At \$25

Opening for the Crown, Mr. Reynolds said that on Dec. 30, 1947, Yiu went to a money changer's shop at 8 Pedder Street, with 25 20-tical notes. The money changer purchased the notes at \$25 to 100 ticals, approximately the market rate. About 15 minutes later, Yiu again returned to the shop with the same quantity which was sold at the same rate. He then said that he still had about 17,000 ticals and that he had been offered \$25.20 to 100 ticals by another money changer and ought to get that price. On the money changer agreeing to the new rate, Yiu brought the notes. A few were rejected because of ink spots, but approximately 17,500 were brought, making a total of \$4,405.00. The money changer sold most of the ticals to one customer at \$25.50, but when he tried to sell the remainder to another money changer, he received certain information as result of which he held the notes back.

On Jan. 13, after the money changer's suspicions had been aroused, Yiu phoned him and offered to sell a further 17,000 ticals. The money changer stalled and asked for Yiu's telephone number, but this was refused. Yiu said that he would phone up again later. In the meantime the money changer, as a result of investigations, had concluded that the notes were forged.

In his statement to the Police, Yiu stated that although he had sold the notes for \$25.20 to 100, he told the person who had given him the notes that he had only received \$14.00. He had kept the balance. In addition he made a commission of ten per cent. At first he did not know the notes were forged, but later his suspicions were aroused when some were rejected. Later, Hui admitted that they were forgeries.

Hui, in his statement, said that he had obtained the notes from a man named Chan Chau-kwan, who brought them from Shanghai. Hui said he sold the notes in order to earn the commission, as he was hard up.

After Yiu had made a statement from the dock and Hui had testified from the witness box, hearing was adjourned until 10 a.m. today.

### Reminders

#### Today

Weekly Musical Recorded Concert (instead of Friday), European YMCA, 8.30 p.m. Kowloon Union Church Women's Guild meeting, 10 a.m. High Requies Mass for late President Manuel Roxas of the Philippines Republic, Rosary Church, 7.30 a.m. Rotary Club luncheon, Room Garden H.K. Hotel, 12.30 p.m. Annual General Meeting of Hong Kong Magic Circle, Cosmos Club, 9 p.m. H.K. & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd., annual general meeting, 308, Queen's Bldg., 12 noon.

Urban Council Meeting, 4.15 p.m. Diocesan Girls' Junior School, Official opening by Mrs. M. K. Lo at Jordan Road, Kowloon, 3.30 p.m. Bridge Drive, European YMCA, 3 p.m.

Royal Air Forces Association fortnightly luncheon, Jacobean Room, H. K. Hotel, 12.45 p.m.

**FRIDAY**  
Central British School, presentation of prizes by the Governor, 11 a.m. Maryknoll School, annual prize-giving and annual play, 5 p.m. Shanghai Pahang Rubber Estates, Ltd., Sungai Duri Rubber Estate, Ltd., annual meeting, room 491-600, Marlin House, 11.30 a.m. and 12 noon.

### FOOD PARCELS FUND

The following is a list of the donations received up to April 25, 1948, which have not yet been acknowledged in the press:

|                    |             |
|--------------------|-------------|
| Mr. M. T. Carr     | \$1.00      |
| Mr. J. C. M. Clegg | 10.00       |
| Ladies' Committee  | 2,500       |
| Total              | \$12,302.00 |

The average of the food and fuel figures for the weeks ending March 4 to April 24 is \$13.84.

The Rehabilitation Allowances for the month of May, 1948 will therefore be:

|                      |                   |
|----------------------|-------------------|
| Daily-paid Workers   |                   |
| Artisans             | \$3.10 per day    |
| Cookies              | 2.50              |
| Females              | 1.00              |
| Monthly-paid Workers |                   |
| Males                | \$27.00 per month |
| Females              | 6.25              |

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## EVIDENCE AGAINST EUROPEAN INSPECTOR, TWO CHINESE, HEARD

Further evidence for the prosecution was heard at the Central Magistracy yesterday when Inspector Peter Oliver Guild appeared together with Tam So alias Fai Por So and P.C.C. 99, Chan Pui-lam charged with demanding money with malice.

Mr. D. L. Strellett (for first defendant) asked permission to withdraw from the case for the time being. He had only just found out that the case was for committal and, as he intended to reserve his cross-examination, there was no reason why he should remain in Court. Mr. Hin-shing Lo allowed Mr. Strellett to leave the Court.

Sub-inspector J. S. Howarth said that defendant was arrested by Sub-inspector Thomas while taking water from the hydrant at Shantung Street near Portland Street. He had two buckets and a carrying pole.

"I have been asked by the Water Authorities to ask Your Worship to take a serious view of the case as there is no doubt whatever that a lot of water is being wasted by people leaving the hydrants open," said Sir Howarth.

Defendant said that the hydrant was open when he went there at 2.30 a.m. on April 25 and that he was merely expecting to get some water.

### Took Water From Hydrant

"For taking water from a hydrant without the permission of the Water Authorities," Mak Fook, (48) was fined \$150, or six weeks' simple imprisonment, by Mr. W. A. Blair-Kerr at Kowloon yesterday.

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### Stroke Missing

After evidence by Ho Kit of the Wing Cheung Money Changers, 6 Pedder Street, and Ho Hang, his folk, regarding the purchase of forged notes from Yiu, the Crown called Mr. Winni Pachinsuad, Secretary of the Siamese Consular General, who testified that the only clear difference he noticed on the Siamese word which meant "Punishment." On the forged note, a stroke in the word was missing. This rendered the word meaningless.

Miss A. R. Gardner, stenographer of Bosco Corporation, said that on Jan. 5, she bought about 17,000 ticals' worth of notes at \$25.50 to 100 from Wing Cheung. She was later informed that they were forged.

Evidence in support of the case for the Crown was also given by Det. Insp. Lowe, Det. Insp. A. Morrison, Tang Ka, Tsai Kam-tai and Tseng Kong-ying.

Statements made by Yiu and Hui were also read out by Mr. Reynolds.

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Witness said that he did not see any money being handed over on any date but the 8th.

Leung Liu-chuan said that on the night of Feb. 18 Tam asked Lau to go outside as the Inspector wanted to speak to her. Witness said he knew Tam by her nick name of "Fai Por So" (Fat woman So).

He heard Fai Por So ask his mistress for money. The amount was \$500.

Lau said that she had given him money before and that she thought he was for once and for all. Other mahjong schools did not pay and she did not know why she should pay.

Tam told her that the others did pay money to the Inspector. Lau replied that she did not have any money. Tam then reduced

to

10 cents.

The case was then adjourned until today.

### \$100 BAIL ESTREATED

Ball of \$100 was ordered estreated by Mr. Hin-Shing Lo at Central Magistracy yesterday when Ching Chao Wan, 27, clerk, 28 Caine Road failed to appear when his name was called.

Ching was charged with avoiding payment of tram fare (20 cents).

Ball of \$30 was estreated when Chan Sun Sam, 26, unemployed was not present when his name was called. He was charged with avoiding payment of bus fare (20 cents).

The Colonial Service Department of the Colonial Office has moved from 2, Park Street, Mayfair, W.1, to Sanctuary Buildings, Great Smith Street, S.W.1.

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On the application of Sub-inspector J. S. Howarth, both defendants were remanded to today.

### Two Different Stories

A report was made by Kwok Hing-yi, 18-year-old married woman, at the Hung Hom Police Station on April 24 that she had been raped by her 51-year-old father-in-law, Li Chung, at the unnumbered hut at Matnuwei Road where both parties lived.

Li Chung, when seen by Sub-inspector Channing, told an entirely different story. He alleged that she stole \$70 from under his pillow and when asked to return it cooked up the story of his asking her to have intimate relationship with him.

When the young woman allegedly broke down and said that she was told by Si Oi (33), married woman, a friend of hers, to make the report after having spent \$30, Kwok was charged with making a false report to the Police and Si Oi with aiding and abetting.

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The First Bell will be rung at 1.30 p.m. and the first race will be run at 2.00 p.m.

Through numbers (10 Races—\$20) may be obtained at the Office of the Treasurer, 1st Floor, Exchange Building, also tickets for the Special Cash Sweep on the "Lantau Handicap" to be run at the William Meeting in May, 1948. The latter may also be purchased at the Club's Branch Office, No. 382 Nathan Road, Kowloon.

### MEMBERS' BADGES AND ENCLOSURE.

Members and guests are reminded that they and their ladies MUST wear their badges PROMINENTLY DISPLAYED throughout the Meeting.

### NO ONE WITHOUT A BADGE WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE MEMBERS' ENCLOSURE

Badges admitting non-members to the Members' Enclosure and Club Rooms at \$10 including tax are obtainable through the Secretary on the written or personal introduction of a Member, such Member to be responsible for all costs etc.

The Treasurer's Comptroller's Office will close at 11 a.m. and the Secretary's Office at 11.45 a.m. Both Offices at 1st floor, Exchange Building.

A limited number of tiffins will be obtainable at the Club House, provided they are ordered in advance from the No. 1 Boy (Tel. 2318).

### NO CHILDREN WILL BE ADMITTED TO THE CLUB'S PREMISES DURING THE MEETING.

### PUBLIC ENCLOSURE.

The price of admission to the Public Enclosure is \$1 including tax for all persons including ladies, and is payable at the Gate.

Bookmakers, Tic Tac men, etc. will not be permitted to operate within the precincts of The Hong Kong Jockey Club during the Race Meeting.

Refreshments will be obtainable in the Restaurant in the Public Enclosure.

### SERVANTS' PASSES

Servants' passes will be issued to Private Box holders ONLY who are requested to distribute them with discrimination and to endorse their names on the passes. Holders of such passes are not permitted in the Members' Enclosure except for passing through on their duties but must remain in their employers' stands.

### BY ORDER,

S. A. Sleaf,  
Actg. Secretary.

### RIP KIRBY



### BY ALEX RAYMOND

BY ALEX RAYMOND

## Police Raid Sweep Ticket Sellers

A police raid outside Exchange Building on sweep ticket sellers had a sequel at Central Magistracy yesterday when a 20-year-old male and a 17-year-old girl appeared before Mr. F. X. d'Almada charged with the illegal selling of tickets.

Fang, Wo, pleading not guilty, was convicted and fined \$50 or 15 days' imprisonment. Lee Kum, also pleading not guilty, was remanded 24 hours as the constable who arrested her was under medical treatment. She was allowed bail of \$50.

Pang, who denied possessing sweep tickets, said he was waiting outside Exchange Building for a friend who had promised him a job.

He had some money on him which was to be used for medicine for his mother.

Lee said she was sent by her mistress to buy tickets. PC 2894 told the Court that he was one of the party which raided the area. He heard Pang calling out "\$2.20 a piece" and arrested him. He then told him to stay put while he arrested two other men. While he was engaged with the others, witness said, he saw Pang throwing away tickets.

Pang denied he had any tickets. He offered to be searched and denied calling out.

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## Readers' Letters

### Cheats, Frauds, "Suckers"

Sir.—"Enquirer" deserves some support in his request to the Powers-That-Be that the gullible should be protected from being made "suckers" by the many unscrupulous cheats and frauds that seem to have always found this Colony such an ideal hunting-ground.

I had a friend—once an artist whose skill I greatly admired, and who, because of this, I helped in many ways. Subsequently, I lost this man's goodwill when I declined to support an exhibition that he was putting up, ostensibly in aid of some very worthy cause. The exhibition was held, without any assistance from me; and it netted for the artist, I believe, quite a decent profit. Lest I should be casting a reflection upon any artist who has held an exhibition in the Colony in recent months, I ought to say that the incident I have described took place before the Pacific War.

Then there was that "clergyman" who went about Hong Kong collecting "donations" for certain missionary work, which occupation seemed quite remunerative for "his reverence", for he did not particularly appear to be living in asceticism. But it would have been very gentlemanly if that "reverend" gentleman explained how he came by his venerable title, or how he disposed of the "savings" of the many zealots who believed that they were laying up treasures where moths do not eat nor thieves break-through-and-steal.

I am prepared to disclose to the competent authorities, that the only manner in which Wong ever handled money on behalf of the plaintiffs was when he took a crossed cheque in payment of the deposit. The three partners had no knowledge whatsoever of any arrangement with the defendant firm regarding alleged deductions in price.

Wong left the employment of plaintiffs very hurriedly in April 1947, when it became apparent that the contracts would be cancelled.

Mr. Bernacchi added that it had not been pleaded by defendants that Wong had any authority to receive money on behalf of plaintiffs. This was a matter for defendants to prove and not the plaintiffs.

After testimony by Tso Hak-on, hearing was adjourned until 10.30 a.m. today.

### MERELY A CONTACT MAN

In the course of his opening, Mr. Bernacchi said that at the relevant time the partners in the plaintiff corporation consisted of Tso Hak-on, Li Yuk-wan and Chan Kam-on. A man named Wong Man-kei was employed by the plaintiffs as a salesman and it was his duty to obtain orders for plaintiffs. This man was provided with a list of goods which plaintiffs were prepared to buy and the prices they were prepared to pay. He was not in any way authorized to negotiate conditions of sale or to receive the purchase price. He was merely a contact man.

The Magistrate recommended that both accused should be dealt with departmentally on the two counts of beating up and not arresting complainant.

Det. Sub-Inspector V.M. Morrison appeared for the prosecution, and Mr. Alfred Y. Hon for both accused.

GRATEFUL

### Local Charities

Sir.—"One of the 540" has confirmed my concern for him, that his judgment has been so impaired by this sense of grievance that he laid the cause of it at the wrong door. But before I proceed further, a bird tells me that I must make my stand clear lest it be misunderstood and misconstrued by the other 539 members of our Legion Brigade. It consists in: (1) Fighting for justice for ourselves; (2) Preventing an injustice being done to the Teachers' Association; and (3) Stemming a wasteful leakage of fighting spirit in "One of the 540" and "Pontagrid" (and possibly others also), and redirecting it along the right channel. Is it now clear? Then here be glibness!

"One of the 540" persists in arguing that the Teachers' Association "has the right" say, the duty, to ask on our behalf the proper Authorities the cause of the delay (in implementing Grant Code Para. 13 and G/S Circular No. 43 with reference to the recommendations of the Salaries' Commission). The right? Maybe; the much-vaunted democratic right of man to say what is eating him—within the bounds of law and constitutionality. The rub in freedom of speech is, therefore, that anyone, (the President of the H.K.T.A., for instance), who indulges in this right, might easily get himself hauled up for "political utterance", convicted for slander, excommunicated for heresy, or even galloped for treason. The duty? No, I reaffirm that the Constitution of the Teachers' Association makes it very clear and definite what its duty is, and (as Government intended it) what it is not: that is to say, its duty is to provide means and opportunity whereby members may become erudite as individuals, more proficient as teachers, and more sociable as units of (theoretical) one common herd. Actually, however, we have been arbitrarily cleft by Government, in conformity with its policy of "Divide and Rule", into (to Government) two distinct herds, namely: goats—we Grant-School teachers, and sheep—the whom-Government-favoured.

As it is at present constituted, the Teachers' Association is not culpable, directly or indirectly, for our present plight. It has done energetically in that for which it was founded. But its shepherds, (to borrow "1/540th's" metaphor), are certainly not the proper place for us to wipe our noses. If "One of the 540" thinks that "the voice of an individual correspondent cannot reach that high pitch (Government Sancum?"), our only recourse is to yell louder, and longer; but the Teachers' Association cannot be expected to "take up the cue." Moreover, as ordinary individuals, the officers of the Teachers' Association belong either to the goat herd, in which case, they are being effectively tethered by the Constitution and are just as helpless as any one of us; or they belong to the sheep flock, and in which case, they are the minions of Government, and as you know, greater love hath no man than theirs for us—I don't think!

So you see, Comrades "One of the 540" and "Pontagrid", it's heads the sheep win, and tails the goats lose; for no matter how magnificent a Government-sponsored corporation of teachers, constitution, may be in catering for our spiritual, intellectual, and even social welfare, it simply cannot do anything for our economic well-being. If, as is to us, our economic welfare, has been grossly neglected, we cannot blame our present existing Teachers' Association; and if we would seek redress, that certainly is not the right direction. As conditions are, we can only await a resuscitation in Government of the auditory, vocal and motive powers, and especially the power of discernment; and in the meanwhile, pray God mercifully grant us the patience of Job and the longevity of Methuselah.

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1. To receive and consider the Statement of Accounts and Balance Sheet and the Report of the Directors and Auditors thereon.

2. To elect Directors.

3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

NOTICE IS ALSO HEREBY GIVEN that the TRANSFER BOOKS of the COMPANY will be closed from the 16th April 1948 to the 27th April 1948, both days inclusive.

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##### ADOPTION OF NEW ARTICLES OF ASSOCIATION

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an Extraordinary General Meeting of the Members of this Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 23rd May, 1948, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and electing Directors and Auditors

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June 1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board, JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1948.

### HONG KONG TRAMWAYS LIMITED

#### MONTLY TICKETS

A copy of the Proposed New Articles can be inspected by any Shareholder at the Office of the Company during the usual office hours.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. E. TERRY, Manager and Secretary.

Hong Kong, 5th April, 1948.

### THE HONG KONG AND KOWLOON WHARF AND GODOWN COMPANY, LIMITED.

#### Notice To Shareholders

##### ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Fifty-Seventh Ordinary Annual Meeting of the Members of the Company will be held at the Office of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Wednesday, 28th April, 1948, at Noon, to receive and consider the Report of the Board of Directors and Statement of Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, to elect Directors and to appoint Auditors.

### CLOSING OF TRANSFER BOOKS

Notice is also given that the Register of Members and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 15th April, 1948, to 28th April, 1948, both days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, C. E. Terry, Manager and Secretary.

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2. To elect Directors.

3. To appoint Auditors and fix their remuneration.

4. To transact any other ordinary business of the Company.

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R. G. CRAIG, Chief Manager.

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The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June 1948, inclusive.

By Order of the Board, JARDINE, MATTHESON & CO., LTD., General Managers.

Hong Kong, 22nd April, 1948.

### THE INDO-CHINA STEAM NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED

#### NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

##### Notice To Shareholders

THE SIXTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the Offices of the General Managers, Messrs. Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., Pedder Street, Hong Kong, on Friday, 23rd May, 1948, at noon for the purpose of receiving the Report of the Directors, passing the Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1947, and electing Directors and Auditors

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from 21st May, 1948, to 10th June 1948, inclusive.

All Creditors and others are accordingly hereby required to send their claims to the undersigned on or before that date.

Dated the 21st day of May 1948.

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Solicitors for the Hong Kong & Shanghai Bank Hong Kong (Trustee) Limited, the lawfully appointed Attorney of one of the Executors of the Will of the above-named deceased.

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### PUBLIC TENDERS

It is hereby notified that sealed tenders in duplicate, which should be clearly marked "Completion of Fender Bell, Jordan Road Ferry Pier" will be received at the Office of the Chairman, Tender Board, Colonial Secretariat, Lower Albert Road, until noon on Monday, the 3rd May, 1948.

Only Contractors on the P.W.D. Major Works List or Reputable Timber Merchants will be permitted to tender.

Forms of tender, specification and other particulars may be obtained from the Port Works Office, St. George's Building, 2nd floor, Chater Road.

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# COMMUNIST RIOTS IN MILAN

## Partisan Parade Clubbed By Police

### Machine-Gunning Of Tramcar

Milan, Apr. 25.  
Rifle-swinging police, aided by a timely rain storm, today broke up Italy's first post-election riot. Communists provoked and guided the wild demonstration in Milan's famed Cathedral Square.

For an hour police in jeeps and armoured cars fired into the air and charged time after time into the lines of 25,000 partisan fighters who were being led by Communists.

Panicky residents of the city cheered as heavy police reinforcements arrived. The Communists apparently fired at the police. A passer-by was known to have been injured and a national policeman killed by a bullet which reportedly was not from police guns.

A tram came under a burst of machinegun fire, but its terrified passengers escaped injury. This was the third anniversary of Italy's liberation from the Germans, and the partisans were allowed to celebrate with a meeting in the courtyard of Storozes Castle. There, the underground fighters of the war heard Luigi Longo, Italy's No. 2 Communist, declare:

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### Polio In Singapore

Singapore, Apr. 25.  
One of six European victims of the infantile paralysis outbreak in Singapore died today in Middleton Hospital. This was the second death since the outbreak started here last week.—Reuter.

### Barges Held Up

Berlin, Apr. 25.  
Barges held up at a Soviet checkpoint on the river Elbe since last Tuesday began to enter the British Zone today. It was officially announced. The barge skippers had been told by the Soviet authorities not to re-enter the Soviet Zone without first obtaining new documents, the announcement said.

As the British authorities have no information about these new documents, it is unlikely that water traffic into, or through, the Soviet Zone will be renewed until the position is further clarified, it added.

The French Military Government today instituted a motor bus service between Berlin and Brunswick after Thursday's cancellation by the Russians of two express coaches.—Reuter.

### HOSTAGES FREED

Athens, Apr. 25.  
One thousand villagers carried off by guerrillas in the Nafplio region were freed and 8,000 sheep and cattle stolen by the guerrillas were recovered in the Greek Government offensive in the mountain heights between Thermopylae and the Gulf of Corinth, tonight's Greek General Staff communiqué said.—Reuter.

### Danger Of Spanish Question

London, Apr. 25.  
The Observer, in a copyrighted story, said today that the question of Spain "has emerged as the most dangerous possible cause of a political rift between Western Europe and the United States and it is felt in London that the time has come for direct discussions between the Foreign Ministers of the Brussels powers, Italy and the United States regarding Spain."

The article said the new factors in the Spanish situation were: firstly, Italian Premier De Gasperi's victory shattered Franco's claim that Communism cannot be resisted by the normal workings of political democracy and "there is a greater chance than ever for swinging away all respectable supporters from the present régime."

Secondly, good progress has been made in the Paris negotiations between Spanish Republicans and monarchists and an agreement is "at last" within grasp.

Thirdly, the Western Union and Italy are fully agreed on the desirability of associating Spain with the Marshall plan and the undesirability of doing so as long as democracy is not restored.—United Press.

Bombay, Apr. 25.  
One person was killed and three wounded when the Calcutta mail train was derailed about 174 miles northwest of here early today.—Reuter.

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## DEATH

**AZEVEDO.**—On Tuesday, April 20, 1948 at the St. Marie Hospital, Shanghai, Jose (Jimmy) Maria D'Azevedo, aged 46 years, dearly beloved son of Mrs. Eliza D'Encarnacion D'Azevedo, father of Lucio and brother of Mrs. B. Hyndman, Freddy and Albert.

## THE FREE INFORMATION PROBLEM

The resolution on freedom of information adopted at Geneva is remarkable, first of all, for the fact that it has the assent of 30 nations. Never before have the principles of a free press been laid down by a group of international representatives of governments. Whatever this resolution may add to the candlepower of truth, it must be acknowledged as a landmark.

In assessing its meaning, many considerations arise, and some of them are vexing. The sixth principal point says press personnel should organize one or more non-official organizations of persons employed in the collection and dissemination of news "to counteract the spreading of intentionally false or distorted reports which promote hatred or prejudiced against states, persons or groups of different race, language, religion or philosophical convictions."

Superficially, this seems a sensible enough proceeding, but you run immediately into the question of proving intent when you talk about false or distorted reports. In freedom of the press there is the right to be wrong. That is what makes it freedom. Under a democratic form of government there is even a "right" to be venal, cynical and sinister in a publication, and such a publication cannot be penalized except by the laws of libel or corrupt practices when they happen to apply.

So while we do not argue that the right to be wrong should include any real protection to the venal or corrupt, there is always the very delicate and elusive question of the motive in being wrong. History is studded with examples of "wrong" information which has proved right in the end and with examples of charges of corruption being applied to the editor who was at worst stupid.

Non-official organisations of the working press will never find it easy to pin down the "intentionally false or distorted report." We are sceptical of the desirability of their trying.

Apart from this reservation, we indulge the hope that the freedom of information resolution will possibly accomplish some good when plastered on the walls of newsrooms over that part of the non-Communist world which subscribes to it. Certainly there should be a more general guarantee of the right of newsmen to have the widest possible access to sources of information, to travel unhampered and to transmit copy without unreasonable or discriminatory limitations.

Living up to it is the rub. That is impossible without peace, for you have nothing resembling full freedom of information in war, and until peace is much more secure than it is now, all such efforts as this will have hard going to enlarge press freedoms.

The attempt seems altogether worth while if not too much is expected of it. For, in the final analysis, the Geneva charter for freedom of information is primarily quantitative. It says (right-



## The Tenth Instalment

## "AND THEY WANTED PEACE"

M. Flandin says that he rejoined that the only way to ensure this was to stop Hitler's aggression while such action was still possible. France had no wish to drag Great Britain into war; she asked for no practical aid, and she would herself undertake what would be a simple police operation, as, according to French information, the German troops in the Rhineland had ordered to withdraw if opposed in a forcible manner. All that France asked of her ally was a true

France was thrown into incertainty, amid which fear of war and relief that it had been avoided predominated. The simple English were taught by their simple Press to comfort themselves with the reflection: "After all the Germans are only going back to their own country. How should we feel if we had been kept out of, say, Yorkshire, for 10 or 15 years?"

No one stopped to note that the retreatment points from which the German Army could invade France had been advanced by 100 miles. No one worried about the proof given to all the powers of the "Little Entente" and to Europe that France would not fight, and that England would hold her back, even if she would.

During this exciting period my own personal fortunes were, it now appears, discussed in high quarters. The Prime Minister, under constant pressure, had decided at last to create a new Ministry—not of Defence, but of the Co-ordination of Defence.

I did not consider the constitution of the new office and its powers satisfactory. But I would gladly have accepted the post, being confident that knowledge and experience would prevail.

Apparently (according to Mr. Feiling) the German entry into the Rhineland on March 7 was decisive against my appointment. It was certainly obvious that Hitler would not like it.

On March 9 Mr. Baldwin selected Sir Thomas Inskip, an elderly lawyer who had the advantage of being little known himself and knowing nothing about military subjects. The Prime Minister's choice was received with astonishment by Press and public.

To me this definite and as it seemed final exclusion from all share in our preparations for defence was a heavy blow. I had to be very careful not to lose my

upon a war bearing direct responsibility for conditions of national defence bound to prove fearfully inadequate. This was not the first time—or indeed the last—that I have received blessing in what was at the time a very effective disguise.

The far-reaching consequences of the fortification of the Rhineland were only gradually comprehended in Britain and the United States. On April 6, when the Government asked for a Vote of Confidence in their foreign policy, I recurred to this subject:

"I do not doubt that the whole of the German frontier opposite to France is to be fortified as strongly and as speedily as possible... The creation of a line of forts opposite to the French frontier will enable the German troops to be concentrated on that line, and will enable the main forces to swing round through Belgium and Holland....

"Then look East. There the consequences of the Rhineland fortification may be more immediate. That is to us a less direct danger, but it is a more imminent danger. The moment those fortifications are completed, and in proportion as they are completed, the whole aspect of middle Europe is changed.

"The Baltic States, Poland and Czechoslovakia, with which must be associated Yugoslavia, Rumania, Austria and some other countries, are all affected very decisively the moment that this great work of construction has been completed." Every word of this warning was successively and swiftly proved true.

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## Soviet Composer Keeps Mum

Moscow, Apr. 25.  
Prokofieff, one of the leading Soviet composers, had still failed to reply to the Soviet Communist Party charges of "formalism" in his music when the Soviet Composers Congress, at which many composers have admitted the truth of party criticism, continued its session today.

"Formalist" composers were recently denounced by the Central Committee of the Communist Party for being "influenced by the modernistic bourgeois music of Britain and America."

Dmitri Shostakovich, another well-known composer, admitted that he had followed the wrong road and declared that Soviet musicians "must fight with all our strength against the influence of modern foreign music."

"He promised to seek the way to a realistic, popular art.

Shostakovich, who was one of the composers accused of displaying "bourgeois and formalist" influences in his music by the Central Committee, admitted the justice of the criticism. "The divorce from their national traditions could have led to certain of our composers—the formalists—into a blind alley had it not been for the timely warning given by the Central Committee," he said.

"Having now studied it thoroughly, I may say that I am really grateful to the Communist Party for this guiding criticism."

Mikhail Khrennikov, Secretary-General of the Organising Committee, reviewing the Conference speeches, said the silence of Prokofieff and Nikolai Myaskovsky testified "that they continue

to remove themselves from the collective and follow the individualistic character of their conduct during the past few years."

The letter of Vissarion Shebalin to the Congress and the statements by Muradell and Khatnurian had failed to satisfy the audience, he said.

The Congress will continue tomorrow.—Reuter.

## A MATTER OF MONTHS

Washington, Apr. 20.  
Senator Millard Tydings today said in a radio address that if war should break out between the United States and Russia, "all Europe would be in Russian hands in a matter of several months."

The Democratic Senator from Maryland said that in the event of war, "we would need bases in Asia, Africa, and probably Europe" from which to attack.

United Press.

## Europe's Culture The Answer

London, Apr. 25.  
Politicians and churchmen of seven nations met today to organise a campaign of "Christian action" for rebuilding Western Europe.

Sir Stafford Cripps, Chancellor of the Exchequer, told the gathering that economic and political organisations are not enough.

"It is the soul and culture of Western Europe that has been the mainspring of its contribution to world civilisation," he said, "and it is to the reinvigoration of that soul that we must bend our energies if we are to succeed."

Lord Halifax declared that Christianity must be just as intense as Communism if it is to prevail in the world today.

"Their creed is to them a religion and they work for the conversion of the world with an intensity and untiring pertinacity that few religious movements have been able to command," he said.

The meeting was called by Dean L. J. Collins of Oriel College, Oxford. Present were Government officials and church representatives of Britain, Belgium, France, Sweden and Italy.—Associated Press.

## Primary Elections Wide-Open Race

Washington, Apr. 25.  
The wide-open race for the Republican Presidential nomination neared the halfway mark today and heads into the stretch on Tuesday.

On that day, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania pick their delegates to the Republican National Convention. Massachusetts controls 35 votes, while "pivotal" Pennsylvania swings 7.

There are 1,094 delegates to the convention. Some 500 delegates already have been chosen by other States, so that more than half the delegates will have been selected when the Massachusetts and Pennsylvania primaries are wound up.

Neither primary is expected to have any surface effect on the Presidential contest, although several factors may change that. For example, Pennsylvania provides voters with a blank "write in" space to express their choice.

## ARMY CAMP RAIDED

Tel Aviv, Apr. 25.  
It was officially announced today that armed Jews raided an Army camp near Ramleh and stole £160,000 worth of radio transmitters.—United Press.

## SOCIALIST BACK-BITING

Rome, Apr. 25.  
Italian left-wing Socialists perturbed by their defeat when allied with the Communists in last weekend's elections, today expressed disapproval of "the foolish behaviour of our present party leaders."

"They were promised meeting next month of the party, National Council, to 'study the political situation arising out of the elections.'—Reuter.

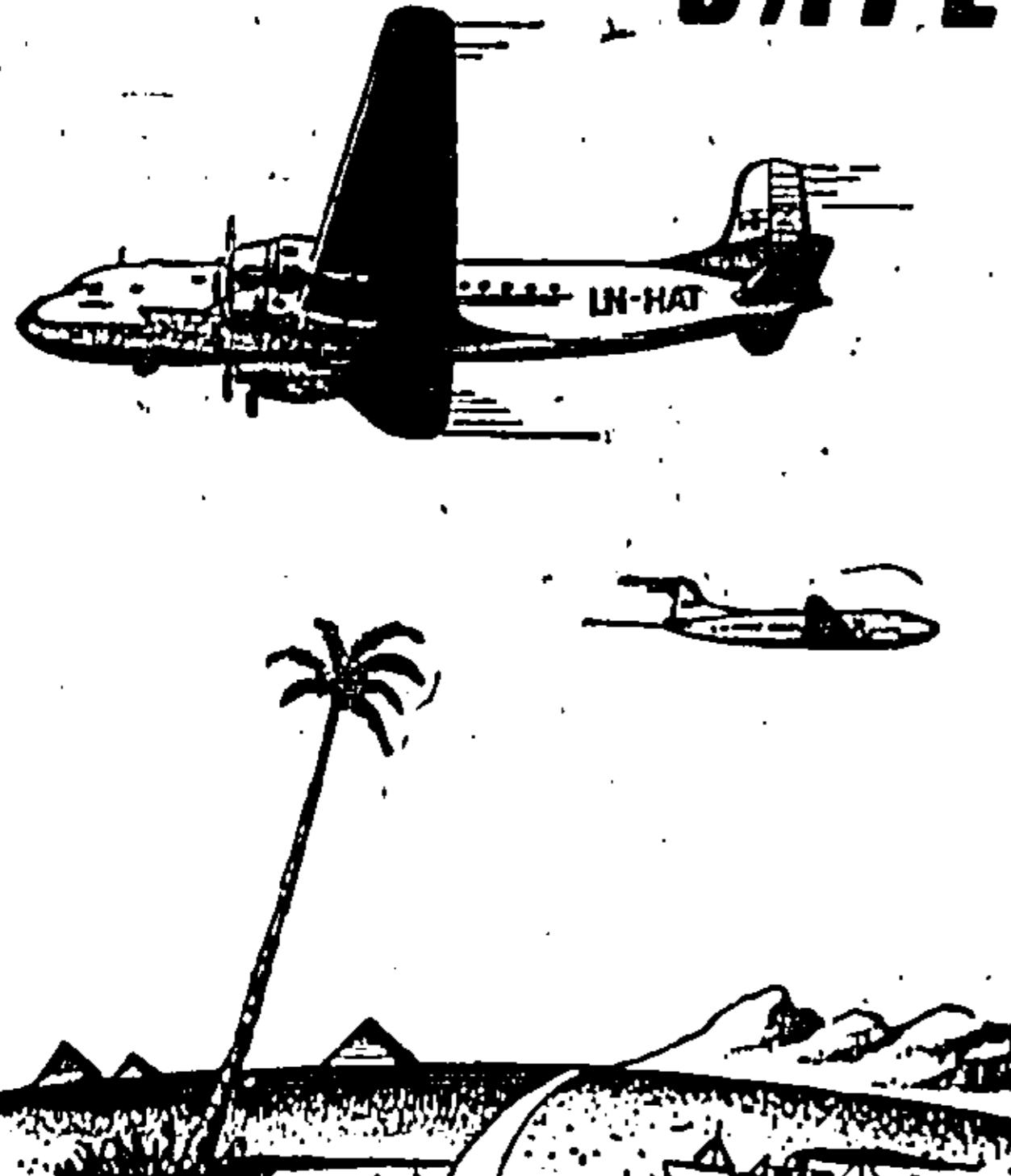


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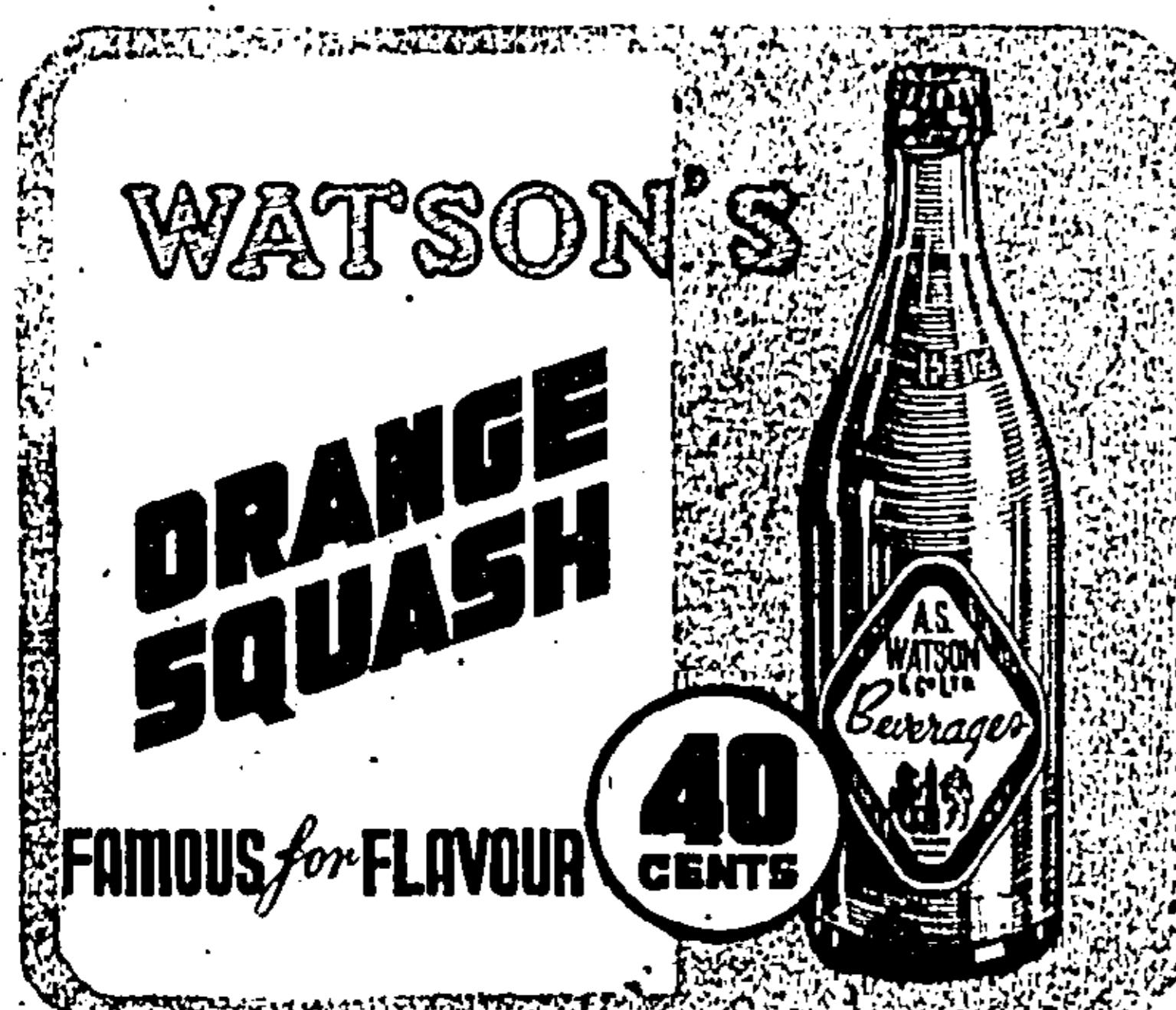
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## Shinwell On Coal Inquiry

London, April 25. Mr. Emanuel Shinwell, Secretary for War and former Minister of Fuel, told a meeting in the Eastington mining area of Durham today that the nationalised coal industry was "working very well, having regard to the unfavourable circumstances."

Mr. Shinwell referred to a report—already published—that the Government was to authorise an inquiry into the working of the National Coal Board.

"Parliament has accepted nationalisation and we are determined there will be no monkeying about with the administration of nationalisation by busybodies who would be far better employed promoting efficiency in private industry," he said.

He had no doubt that there would be a House of Commons debate on the activities of the National Coal Board.

"We cannot expect to achieve the production figures everybody desires until there is an efficient machinery established in the pits," Reuter.

## Attack On The West

London, April 25. Pravda today attacked the Western Powers for the resumption of the conference on German questions, renewing its charges that the representatives of the United States, Britain and France had no power to make decisions regarding Germany's future.

A despatch, written by J. V. Tokorov and broadcast by Radio Moscow, stated: "It is not difficult to see that not one item on the agenda is within the competence of the London conference. All of them are exclusively the prerogative of the Council of Foreign Ministers, which alone can make decisions on these questions. No other decision can or will have the force of law and international authority."—United Press.

## Now, Before It Is Too Late

London, April 25. The influential Sunday newspaper, "The Observer," in a five-column editorial surveying the threatening war, said today that the "only basis on which to negotiate successfully with the Kremlin is one of ready armed strength."

The Observer said that any agreement with Russia would have to include Soviet yielding on two vital questions, those of international atomic control and the future of Germany.

The Observer said, "As long as no actual force confronts Russia in Europe, attempts to reach a final peace settlement may only increase the danger of immediate war by inviting miscalculations on her part."

"The essential thing is that we should be able to negotiate with Russia on the basis of actual, not potential, armed strength before Russia is equipped to wage an atomic war. Afterward it will be too late. For if Russia is once able to use atomic weapons, she will be less than ever likely to yield in the vital issue of international control and the world will live unbearably on the edge of an appalling catastrophe."

### Our Need

"A decisive advantage in military strength, therefore, is what we need. Once that obtains, there will be a period during which a tolerable settlement with Russia might be reached without war. That clearly must be the prime aim and object of the Western policy. Such a solution, and nothing less, would give the United Nations a chance to be of value."

The Western Powers' military strength, the Observer said, should have placed the Lubbecke-Trieste line to halt any Soviet drive into Western Europe to submarine bases and "offer present help to the strategically vital Scandinavian Peninsula which the West could never again afford to lose to an enemy power."

The Observer said that the Western European force could have built the framework of Allied occupation forces, but would require a unified command "which might be known as the Rhine Commission, and the supreme planning authority."

It suggested that Britain might concentrate on the production of lighter planes, France on field ordnance and Canada on bombers and tanks.—United Press.

## Stories Grossly Untrue

Sydney, April 25. The Australian Chaplain-General, Father McCarthy, and the Rev. A. H. Stewart, refused to comment on their investigations in Japan into the moral behaviour of the Commonwealth Occupation forces when they returned to Melbourne today.

Father McCarthy, however, described as "grossly untrue" allegations that the orphanage of Hiroshima had been established to care for the illegitimate children of the occupation troops.

He said the orphanage was solely for the care of orphans who had been made homeless by the atom bomb.

The fact that no child younger than 3½ years was sufficient evidence to clear the Commonwealth Occupation forces of the allegations, Father McCarthy added.—Reuter.

## U.S. MILITARY AID FOR WESTERN UNION?

Washington, April 25.

Informed Congressional sources today said that President Truman would send Congress a plan for limited shipments of American arms to the five-nation "Western Union" within the next three weeks.

The plan already has been presented informally to the Senate President (Senator Arthur Vandenberg) by the Under-Secretary of State (Mr. Robert Lovett) in two private conferences.

Patterned after wartime Lend-Lease, American military backing would be provided for the five nations which last month signed a mutual defence and economic pact at Brussels.

The Executive Committee of the Western Union—comprising Britain, France, Belgium, the Netherlands and Luxembourg—for the first time in London yesterday. It is expected to establish a permanent military committee immediately, probably including representatives of the five General Staffs.

Action of that type is being awaited in both Congressional and administration circles as a prelude to assurances of American military backing.

### Truman Pledge

The United States plan has not been put in final form, but the return of the Secretary of State (Mr. George Marshall) from Bogota, Colombia, may put new pressure behind it.

The Lend-Lease plan stems from a pledge made before Congress by Mr. Truman on the day the Brussels pact was signed—March 17.

At that time, the chief executive said, "I am sure the determination of the free countries of Europe to protect themselves will be matched by equal determination on our part to help them do so."

It is in fulfillment of this pledge that a programme to send limited quantities of United States guns, munitions and planes to Europe is being drafted by State Department and Army officials.

Government sources believe only limited shipments will be

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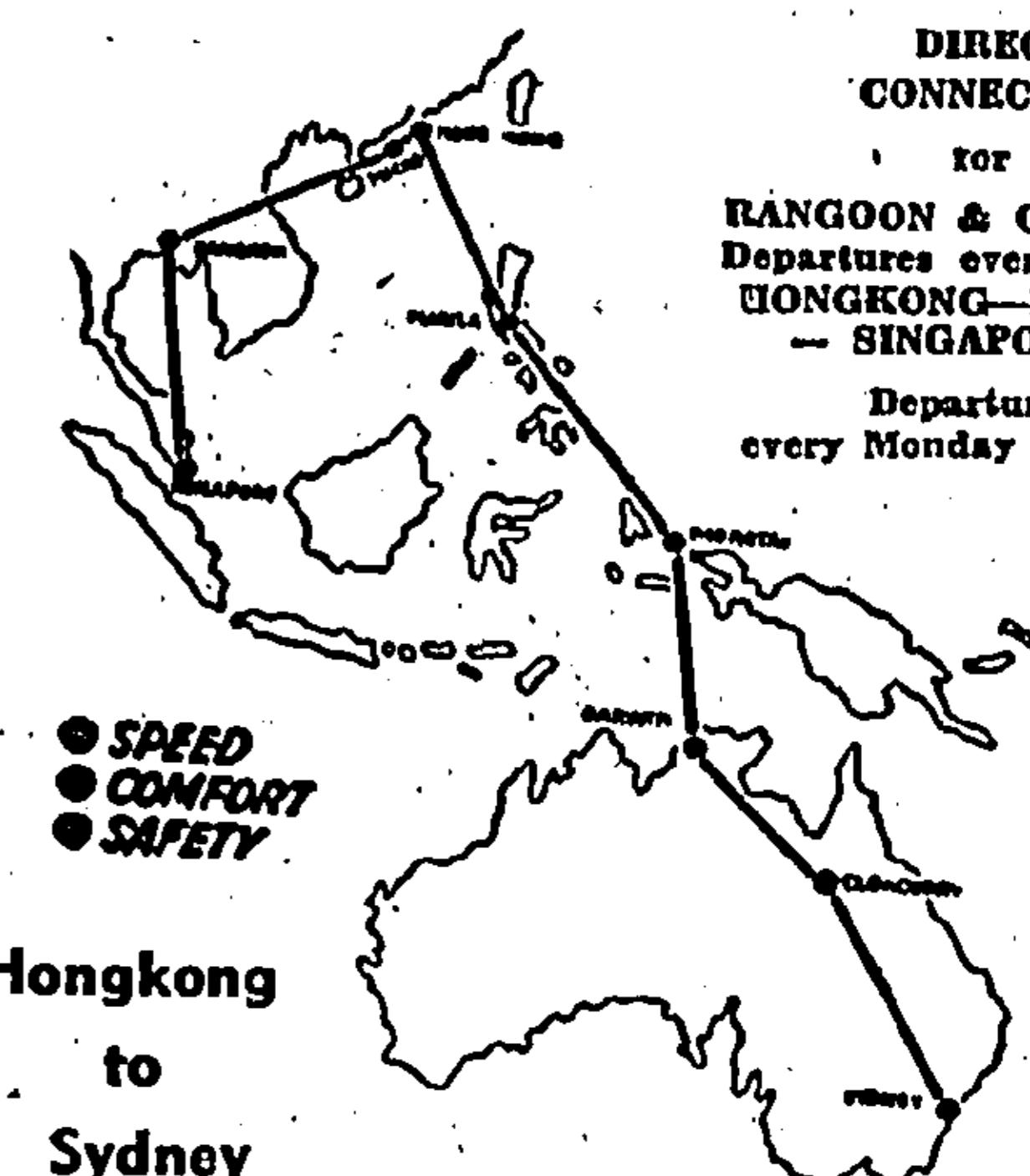
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## Woman Today

## FEMINITY IS BACK IN ALL ITS BILLOWY FRILLY SOFTNESS

In the world of fashion, we are coming to believe that almost anything can happen! Today's style cycle has made a broader sweep than usual, reaching farther back into the past and encompassing within its scope much that lies between.

Here, in 1948, are the wavy waist, bustles, basques, looped and draped skirts of the 1870's and 1880's, and the ruffled petticoats of the early 1900's.

Nearly every day something old is new again!

But so far Dame Fashion has not drawn within her orbit the accessories and knick-knacks that were the delight of fashionable ladies of bygone eras. Some of them, forgotten for decades, built a unique niche for themselves in fashion's whirligig.

One charming accessory of other years that many of us would welcome back is the sunshade; indeed, fashion is already forecasting its return. Why it ever went out is a mystery.

It was practical and a flattering addition to any woman's costume, whether spread above her head or twisted with careless grace in her hand. There were many beautiful parasols, dressy ones of "changeable" silk, elegant pure white ones with curved ivory handles, and practical ones of natural pongee, lined with green silk to give extra protection against the sun's rays.

Also, to complete the summer costume were mitts. These were usually of silk, some of them almost cobwebby in texture, others with exquisite lace patterns.

Black and white were the most popular, with pastel colours for

young girls; and mitts came in two lengths, wrist and elbow.

They were so much cooler than gloves, and here's wistfully hoping that we shall see them again soon.

## Feathers And Frills

And, since we're on the subject of accessories, I would remind you of the feather bon, usually of finely curled ostrich, and the softly fluttering finish to day or evening costume when secured loosely about the neck with ribbons to match the colour of the feathers.

Of course, these were for looks only. For real comfort, there was the practical collarlet of fur, with high collar that came well up over one's ears in the winter.

This was a detached piece that could be worn over any coat and these are coming in again.

Children's apparel shows the "new look," too, and one wonders whether we shall see old-fashioned pinwafers once more.

They were charming on demure little girls of another generation who wore them to school over their wool frocks in the winter.

Pinwafers were usually made of dimity or moiré, trimmed with lace-edged ruffles, often with crisply starched shoulder wings. And when we returned from school in the afternoon, the pinwafers were replaced by the practical, long-sleeved gingham tyer, to keep your dress clean.

Along with the new fullness, the drapes and loops in skirts, will the pocket of Grandmother's day return? (It would probably have a zipper this time!) That pocket was always more or less of a mystery to us children; but

Grandmother never had any trouble in finding it in the voluminous folds of her skirt.

## Grandmother's

It's pleasant to know that femininity is back, in all its billowy, frilly softness. Once more it's possible to buy in the shops lovely Val laces, insertions and braidings through which dainty ribbons are run when used on lingerie (they used to be called "baby ribbons"), with black velvet ribbon for frocks.

Remember the deep yokes of all-over embroidery in summer dresses? They were usually finished with a lace-edged ruffle joined to the dress with a band of beading through which velvet ribbon was laced, finishing with a rosette on the left shoulder.

All this talk of lace and ribbon reminds me of the dainty night-gowns (always with sleeves and plenty of ruffles), camisoles, and ruffled petticoats of varying lengths and the dainty dressing sacques of flowered lawn for summer wear at home.

This popular garment was sold in high-class city shops well after the turn of the century. For winter wear, these were made of challis, flannel, or albatross, and were trimmed with silk or velvet.

Switching to outer garments of yesteryear, there is one in particular that I should like to wear again (slender straws in the fashion wind indicate a possibility), and that is the golf cape, so popular in the late 1890's and early 1900's.

Why it was so named, I don't know, but every schoolgirl, to be well dressed, had to have a golf cape!

It was made of heavy wool coat fabric, usually reversible—plain on one side and plaid on the other. The cape was made full and came well below the hips; the hood was made from the plaid side of the goods. Well—hoods are here anyway!

And so one waits, with pleasant, nostalgic expectancy, to see what fashion, dipping into the limbo of other years, will come up with next!



This Navy Blue wool felt boater with side loops of red, white and blue Petersham ribbon, trimmed with white tie, was seen during a display of British summer millinery in London a fortnight ago. (A. P. Photo)

How to Buy a Hat:  
Consider Colour Effect

BY NINON

Every woman wants a hat to do something for her. It must be becoming in line and colour and it must make people notice her.

In determining the colour of a hat, some serious thought is necessary. A woman must take three things into consideration:

1.—The costume or costumes with which she expects to wear the hat.

2.—The colour of her skin, hair and eyes.

3.—The millinery shapes being featured in the shops.

Each hat the shopper tries on must be quickly analyzed from all three standpoints. And, if a woman cannot hear herself think while her milliner is talking, she should ask for three minutes of silence before making up her mind to accept or reject a style.

Never fall in love with a hat and then look for a costume to go with it. Select a dress or suit and then the accessories. If possible, choose a hat at the same time—the new outfit is selected.

A woman's hat must harmonize with her costume and flatter her face. Some women manage to do all right with what they call a "colour sense," or feminine intuition, and others make a study of the rules of harmony.

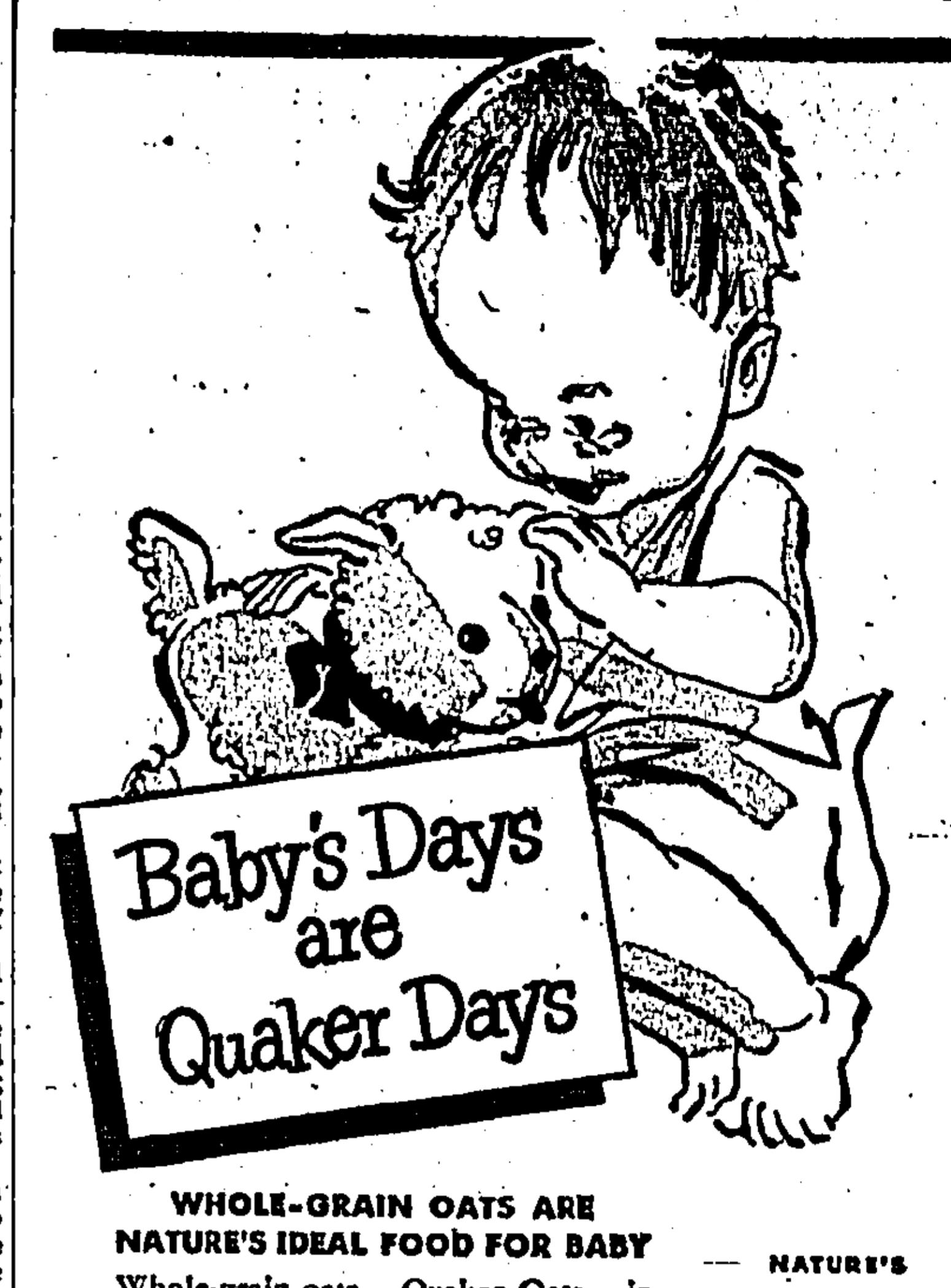
Regardless of different intensities and hues, together with fashion names that change from season to season, the three groups of colours are the bases of all simple or complicated colour schemes.

In millinery, the designers have created colours and combinations of colours that are feminine, delicate and utterly charming. Everything has been done this season to help a woman achieve a "pretty" look.

Beige neutrals of wheat, chamomile, natural and burnt (a gentle brown) are popular, together with pure white and gray. Navy blue is regarded as a flattering colour to virtually all complexions.

In bright colours, the favourites are yellow, tangerine, orange, red, pine-green. These are much used in hats, as well as in trimmings for neutrals.

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## KWANGTUNG DEVELOPMENT

## Joint Sino-American Programme?

Port At Whampoa :  
Naval Bases

Shanghai, Apr. 25. The recent visit to South China of United States officials who joined with Chinese authorities in inspecting agricultural, electric power and harbour facilities, today was linked to reports that the Chinese Government is preparing a South China development programme of considerable magnitude.

Both military and economic considerations are said to be involved, with the use of some of the funds appropriated by the United States Congress playing a major role. The Chinese and American Governments will be joint administrators in setting up the programme.

Japanese technicians who have remained in South China since V-J Day as advisers in technical developments, particularly on Hainan Island, also will be employed, it is said.

A source close to the Government here said the programme will cover Kwangtung, Kwangsi, Fukien, Kiangsi and Hunan provinces, as well as Hainan and Taiwan Island.

Organisations representing China were listed as the Kwangtung Provincial Government, the National Resources Commission, the National Economic Council, the Ministry of Water Conservation, the Ministry of Agriculture and Forestry and the Ministry of Economic Affairs.

## Defence Bases

Funds for the projects ostensibly would be provided through the sale of commodities to be sent to China under the commodity funds provisions of the \$463,000,000 United States aid programme. Some of the operational methods and administrative procedures for raising and expending the proceeds in Chinese currency, were outlined in the letter of intent submitted to the Chinese Government at Washington.

The main points of the programme include:

1. Building up the ports of Whampoa in Kwangtung, Tsoo-ying in Taiwan, and Hohow in Hainan, as top-flight naval bases and training centres for the Navy, Army and Air Forces. The American Advisory Group in China would play a major role in this development, working with the Generalissimo's field headquarters at Canton, and high Navy, Army and Air Force personnel.

2. The tapping of mineral resources, the establishment of small plants for national defence.

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|                  | Arrivals                            | Departures                |
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|             | Arrivals                            | Departures                         |
|-------------|-------------------------------------|------------------------------------|
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TO AND FROM PACIFIC & ATLANTIC COASTS  
LOADING DATES IN U.S.A.

| Loads                          | Date      | Vessel               |
|--------------------------------|-----------|----------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | Mid. May  | m.v. "DONA NATI"     |
|                                | Mid. June | m.v. "DONA ANICETTA" |
|                                | Late June | m.v. "TONGHAI"       |

| ARRIVALS                       | Date     | Vessel      |
|--------------------------------|----------|-------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | 22nd May | m.v. "BALI" |

| SAILINGS                       | Date      | Vessel             |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | Mid. June | m.s. "DONA AURORA" |

| Fee                            | Date      | Vessel             |
|--------------------------------|-----------|--------------------|
| Atlantic Coast via Los Angeles | Mid. June | m.s. "DONA AURORA" |

| San Francisco & Los Angeles | Date      | Vessel        |
|-----------------------------|-----------|---------------|
|                             | Mid. June | m.v. "BENGAL" |

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6.2% Loan 1931.

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5.5% Loan 1940 1946.

BANKS

H. K. &amp; B. Bank 20196, 20406.

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